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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Saavedra DATE TYPED: 02/25/03 HB 475

SHORT TITLE: UNM Hospital 24-Hours Services SB _____

ANALYST: Williams

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$2,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to
 HB 476: UNM Nursing Education and Special Projects
 SB 190: UNM Human Genomics Research Program
 SB 256: UNM Special Projects

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 475 appropriates \$2,000.0 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the following:

School of Medicine Specialty Education \$1,400.0
 To maintain twenty-four hour coverage at the trauma center and to increase staff

Health Sciences Center \$ 600.0
 To provide continued funding for electronic resources

Significant Issues

DOH notes UNM Hospital in the state's only Level One Trauma Center, a designation reflecting the availability of immediate surgical capability for any type of trauma care on a 24/7 basis, with associated anesthesiologist staffing requirements. DOH indicates demand at the state's three trauma centers exceeds current capacity according to the SJM 35 Trauma System Study in part due to indigent and unfunded care services. Finally, DOH highlights the shortage of anesthesiologists as a national health care issue.

DOH raises concerns regarding UNM Hospital's service to indigent patients.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY04 shall revert to the General Fund.

In its analysis, CHE notes its recommendation for these two projects was \$2,250.0.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH notes the bill is consistent with its strategic plan.

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